

## READING LIST

### **Nothing but the Truth** *(required reading)*

*By Avi*

Ninth grader Philip Malloy is forbidden to join the track team because of his failing grades in English class. Convinced that the teacher just doesn't like him, Philip concocts a plan to get transferred into a different homeroom. Instead of standing silently or singing during the national anthem, he hums along and is put on trial for his act of disrespect. His act soon becomes a national news story.

Level 6—8

### **The House of Dies Drear**

*By Virginia Hamilton*

An African-American family tries to unravel the secrets of their new home which was once a stop on the Underground Railroad.

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### **Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry**

*By Mildred Taylor*

A Black family living in the South during the 1930s is faced with prejudice and discrimination which their children don't understand.

Level 7—9

### **Z for Zachariah**

*By Robert O'Brien*

Seemingly the only person left alive after a nuclear war, a sixteen-year-old girl is relieved to see a man arrive in her valley until she realizes that he is a tyrant and she must somehow escape.

Level 7—9

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### **The Tempest**

*By William Shakespeare*

A comedy about a father, daughter, suitors, and a storm. Fun, but challenging.

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### **The Teacher's Funeral**

*By Richard Peck*

In rural Indiana in 1904, fifteen-year-old Russell's dream of quitting school and joining a wheat threshing crew is disrupted when his older sister takes over the teaching at his one-room schoolhouse after mean, old Myrth Arbuckle "hauls off and dies."

Level 5—8

### **The Giver**

*By Lois Lowry*

Given his lifetime assignment at the Ceremony of Twelve, Jonas becomes the receiver of memories shared by only one other in his community and discovers the terrible truth about the society in which he lives.

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### **STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED**

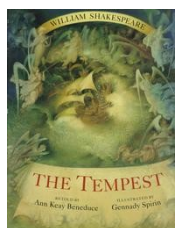
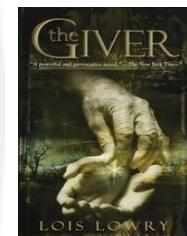
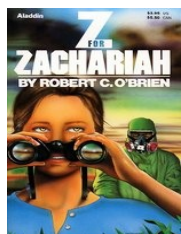
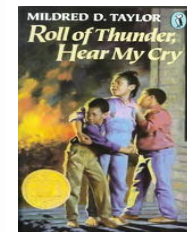
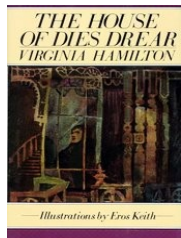
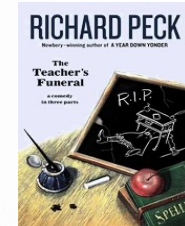
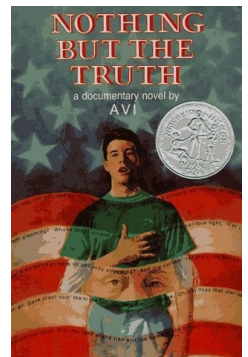
**to read "Nothing but the Truth" plus one book from the required reading list. A story map has to be completed for each of the books.**

The story maps are included in this brochure. Additional maps are available at local libraries, at the board office, or at [www.nordoniaschools.org](http://www.nordoniaschools.org)

SUMMER READING

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**Going into  
8th Grade**



# STORY MAP

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Title** \_\_\_\_\_

**Author** \_\_\_\_\_

**Setting**

**Mood**

**Major Character(s)**

**Minor Character(s)**

**Conflict**

**Theme**  
(underlying message)

**Point of View**

**Resolution**

**Climax**

**Introduction**

**Rising Action**

**Falling Action**

**Conclusion**

Please bring completed Story Map with you the first day of school!